

Bipolar junction transistors





Topics

- Transistor physic operation
- Transistor operation modes
- Transistor current-voltage characteristics

Transistor=**T**ransfer **r**esistor

Two categories of transistor

1. BJT

2. FET

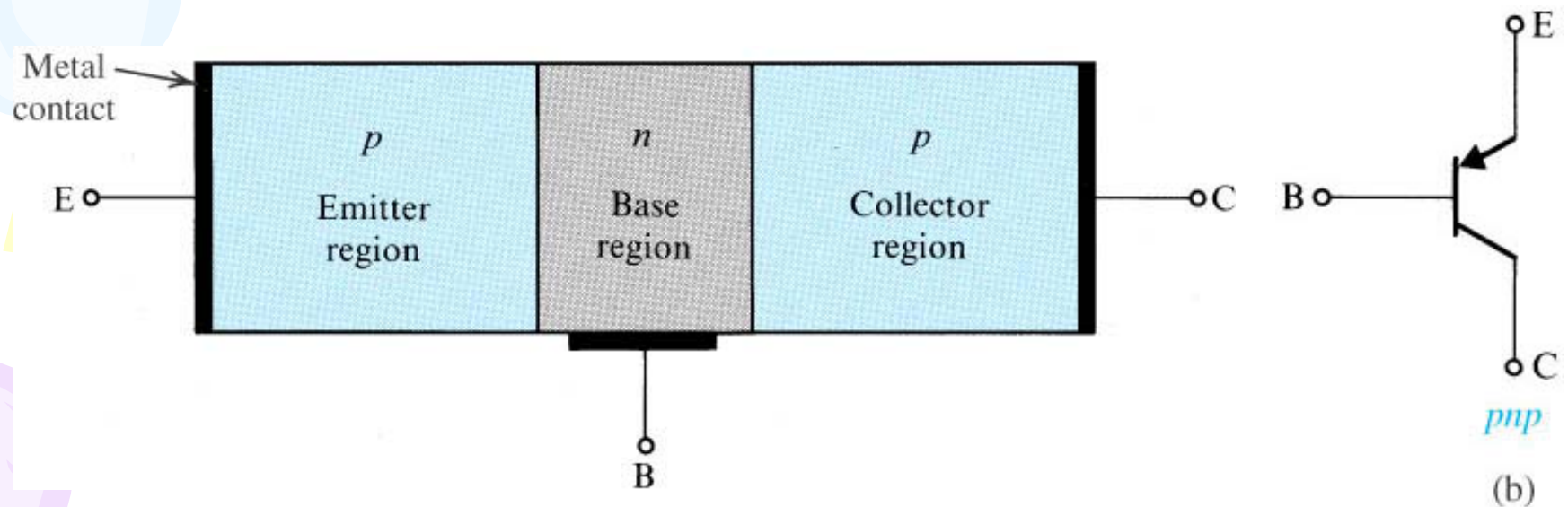
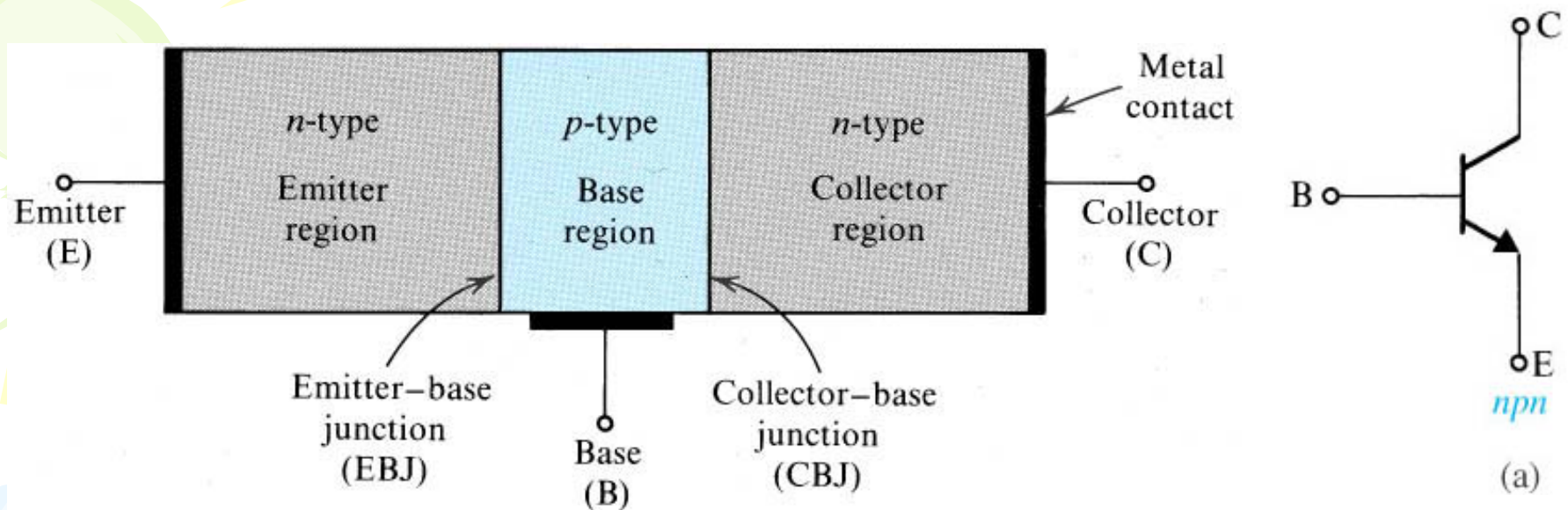
- **MOSFET**

- **JFET**

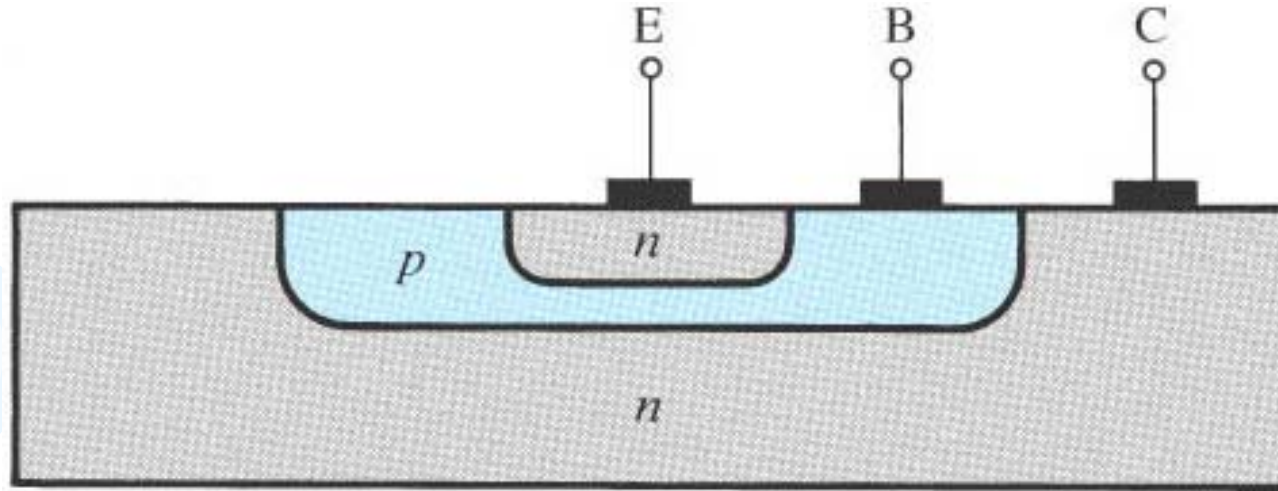
L'effet transistor a été découvert en 1947 par les américains John Bardeen, William Shockley et Walter Brattain, chercheurs de la compagnie Bell Téléphone. Ils ont reçu le prix Nobel de physique en 1956.

Quelques jalons (Intel)

- 1971 : 4004 : 2 300 transistors
- 1978 : 8086 : 29 000 transistors
- 1982 : 80286 : 275 000 transistors
- 1989 : 80486 : 1,16 millions de transistors
- 1993 : Pentium : 3,1 millions de transistors
- 1995 : Pentium Pro : 5,5 millions de transistors
- 1997 : Pentium II : 27 Millions de transistors
- 2001 : Pentium 4 : 42 millions de transistors
- 2004 : Pentium 4 EE : 169 millions de transistors



Structure of transistor

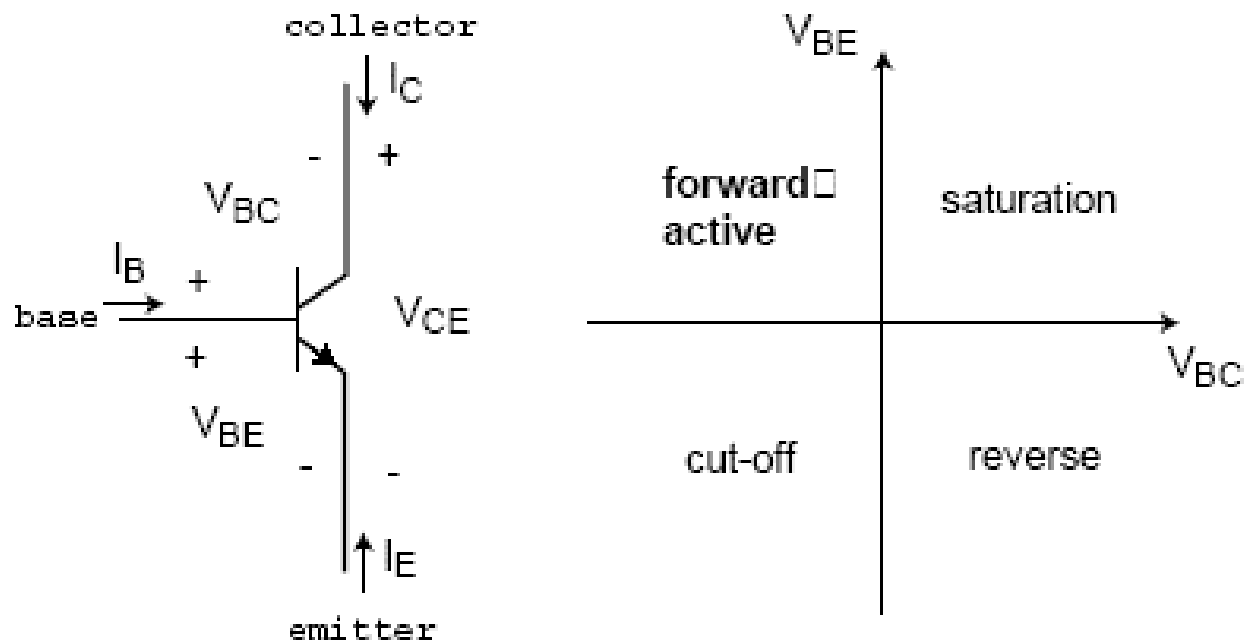


射極：代號**E**，寬度居三者之中，參雜濃度最濃。

基極：代號**B**，寬度最薄，參雜濃度最低。

集極：代號**C**，寬度最大，參雜濃度適中。

BJT operation mode		
mode	EB junction	CB junction
active	forward	reverse
Reverse active	reverse	forward
saturation	forward	forward
cutoff	reverse	reverse

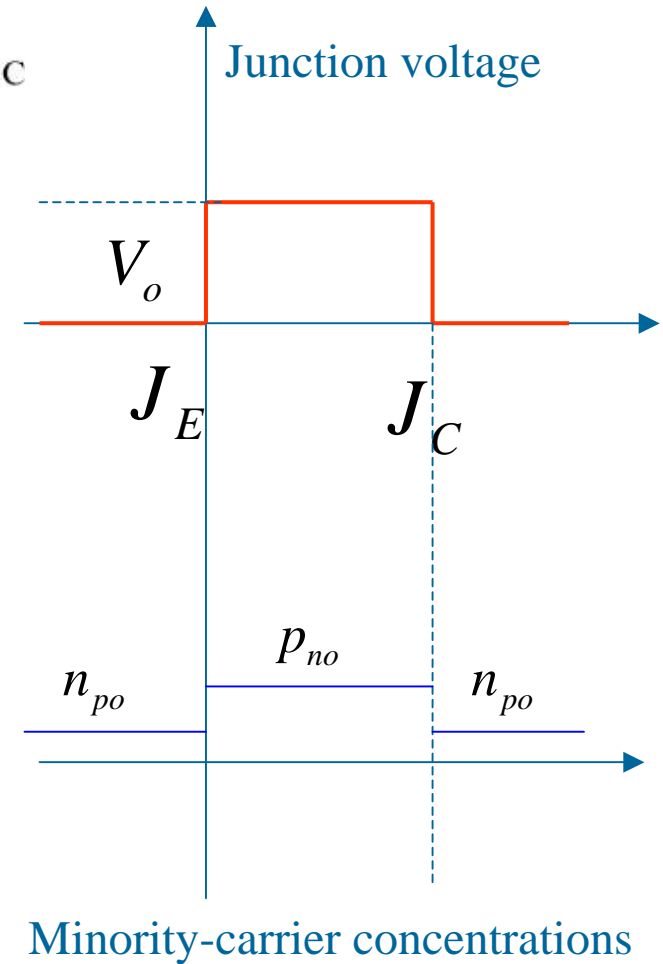
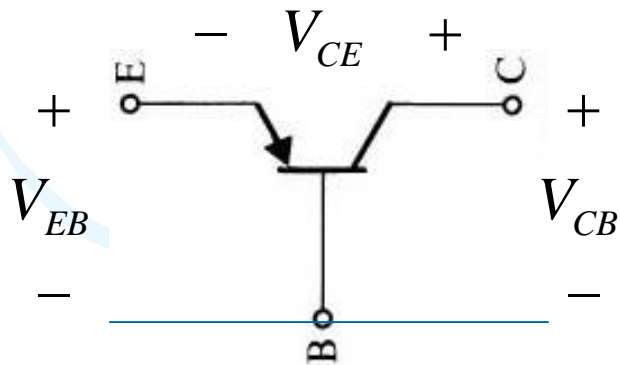
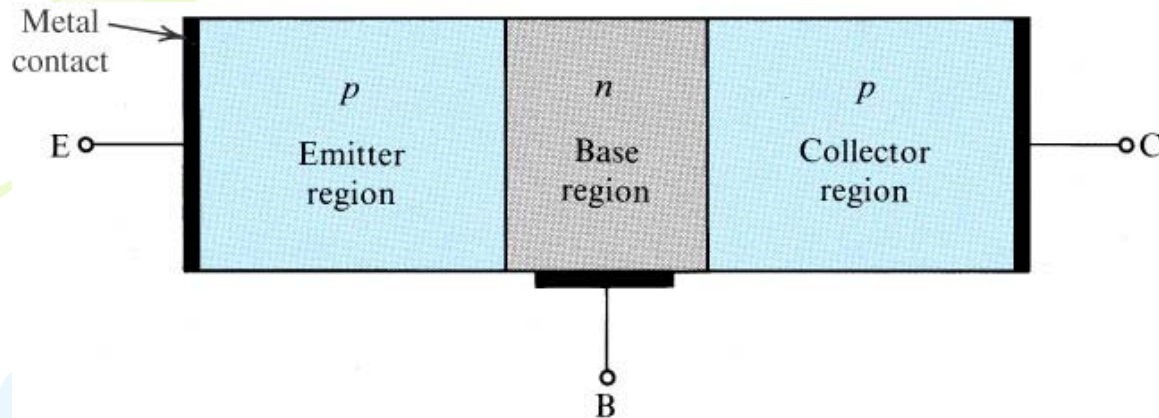




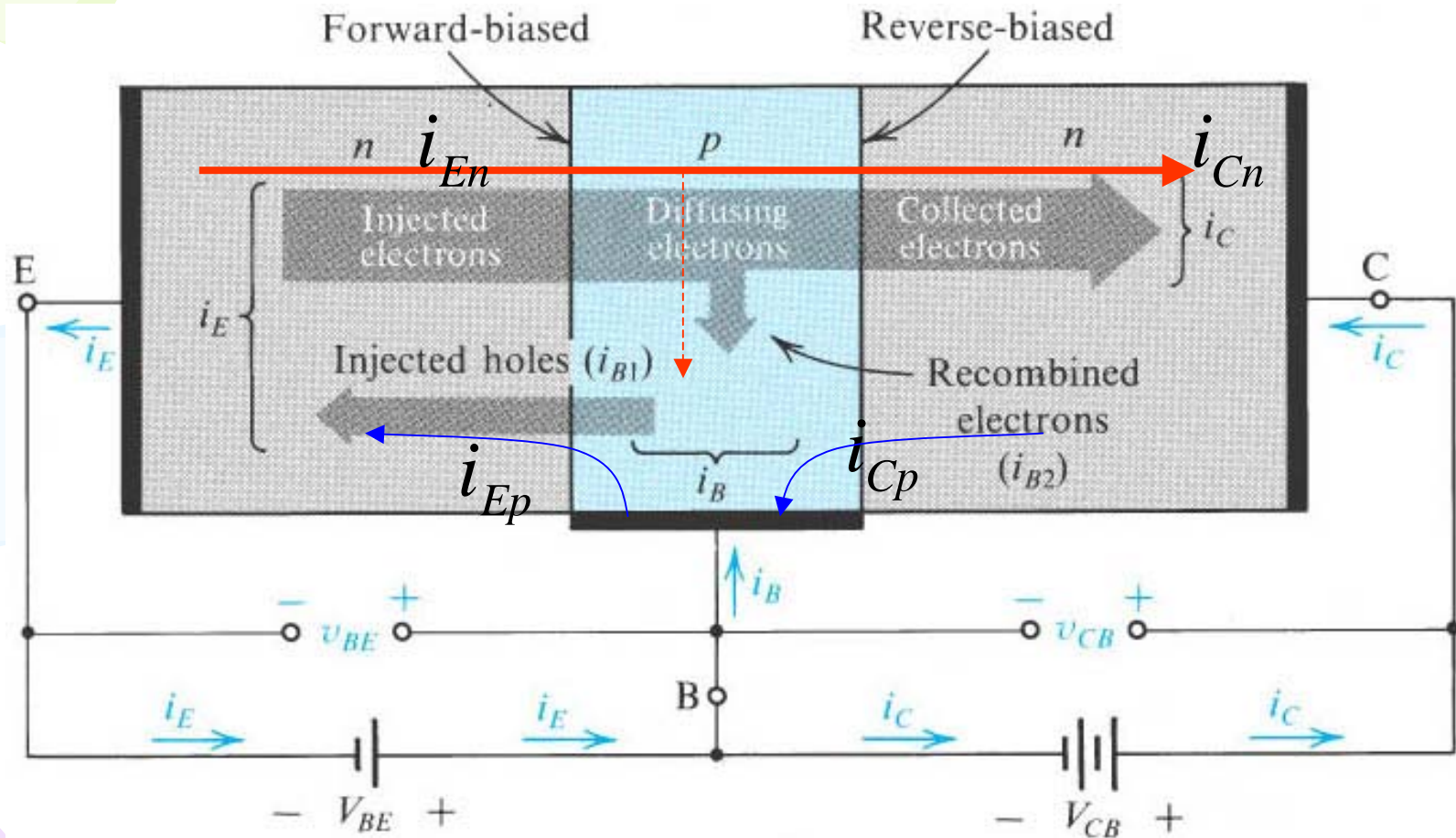
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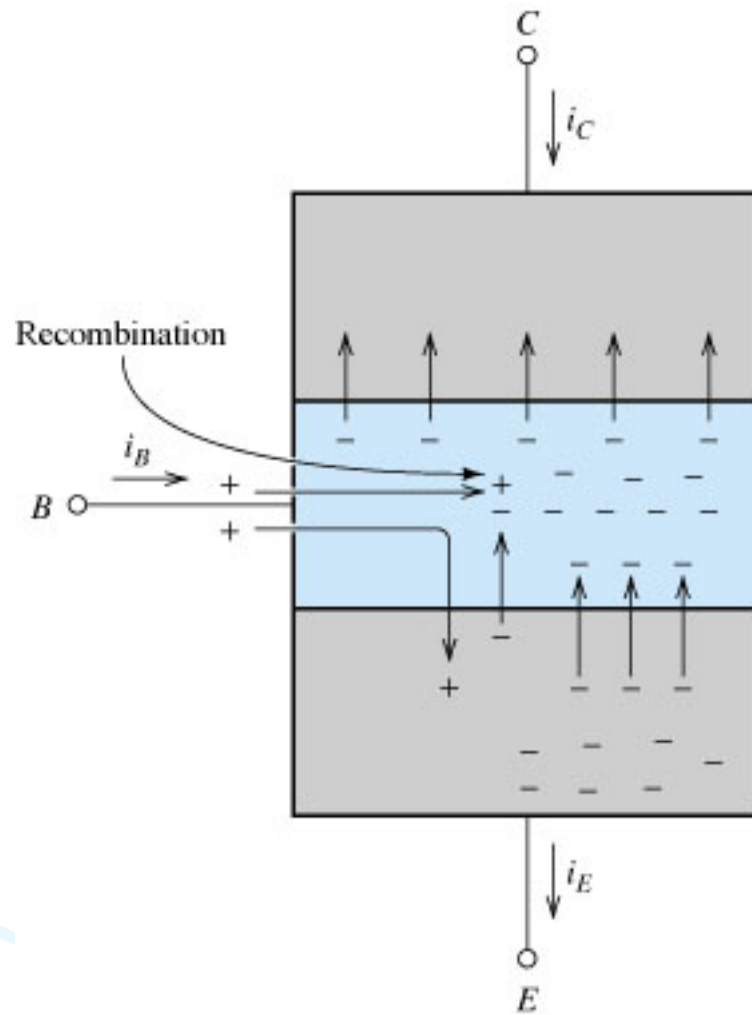
- NPN (electrons) fast than PNP (holes)
- NPN easy to product

PNP transistor in open circuit



NPN transistor (Active mode)





1. **J_E forward-Biased** : electrons injected from emitter into base (i_{En}), holes injected from base into emitter (i_{Ep}).
2. **In base**: some electrons combined with holes (i_{B2}), most of electrons diffused to collector (i_{Cn}).
3. **J_C reverse-Biased** : electrons swept across the depletion region (i_{Cn}), small saturation current in depletion region (i_{Cp}),

$$i_E = i_{En} + i_{Ep}$$

$$i_C = i_{Cn} + i_{Cp}$$

$$i_B = i_{Ep} + i_{B2} - i_{Cp}$$

$$i_{B2} = i_{En} - i_{Cn}$$

$$i_{En} \gg i_{Ep}$$

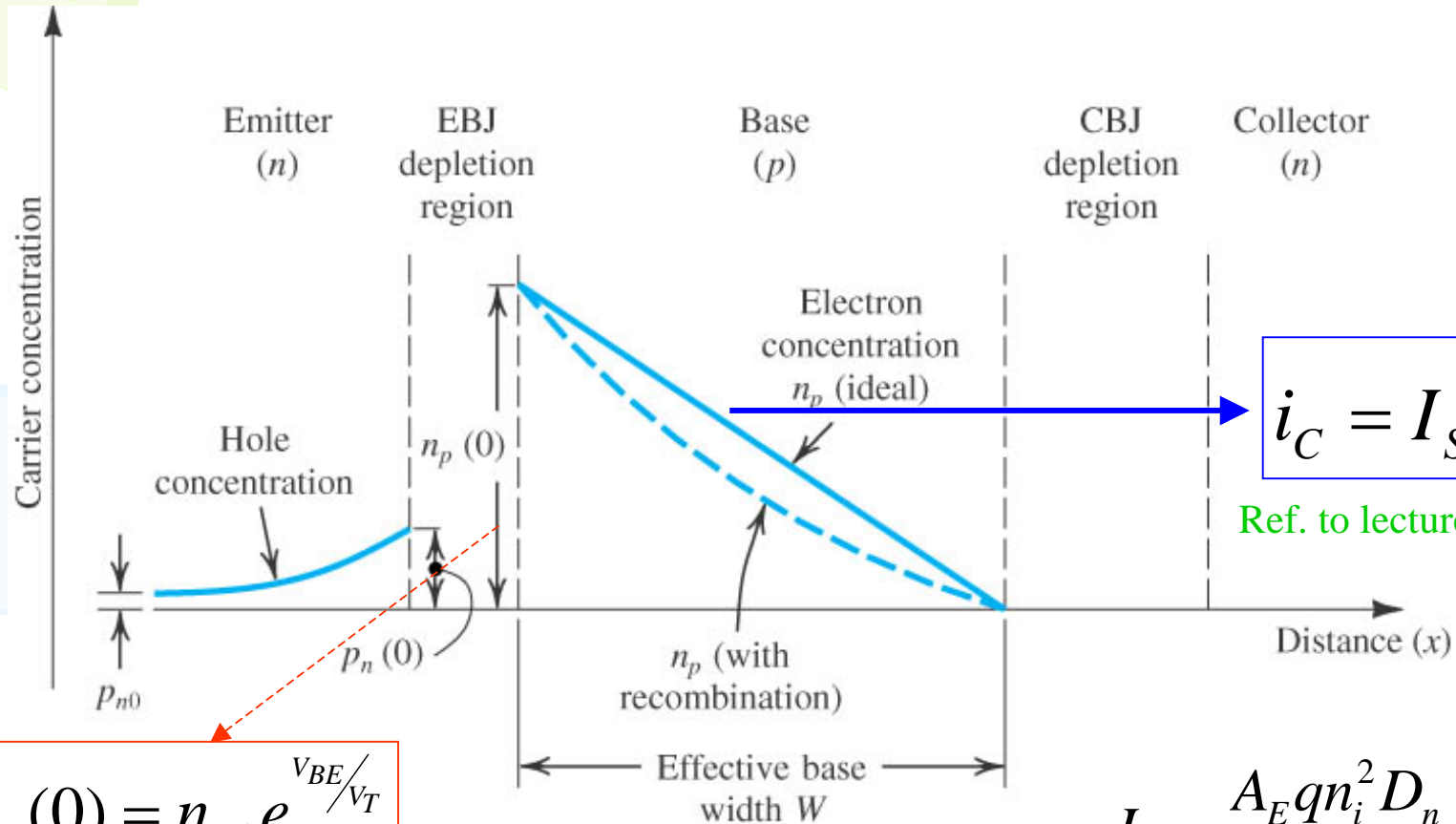
$$i_{Cn} \gg i_{Cp}$$

$$i_E = i_C + i_B$$

Minority-carrier concentrations

Forward-biased

Reverse-biased



$$n_p(0) = n_{p0} e^{V_{BE}/V_T}$$

$$i_C = I_s e^{V_{BE}/V_T}$$

Ref. to lecture 02 page24

$$I_s = \frac{A_E q n_i^2 D_n}{W N_A}$$

Ref. to lecture 02 page22

Active mode

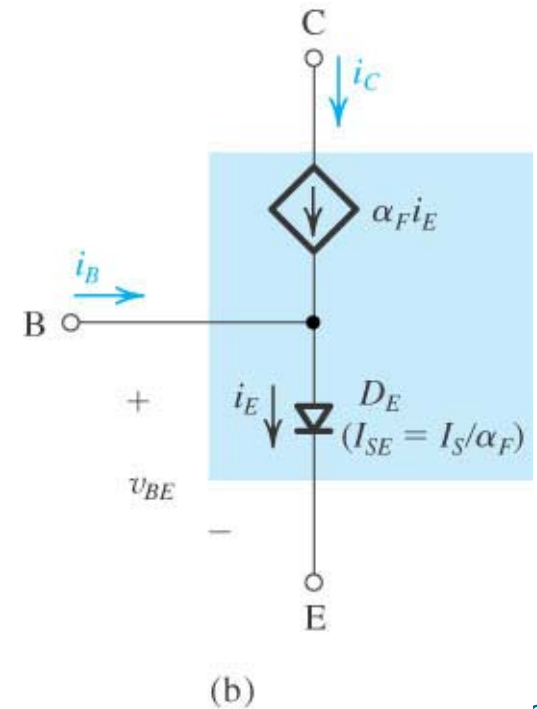
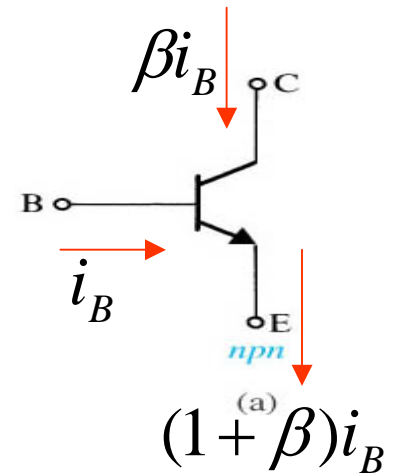
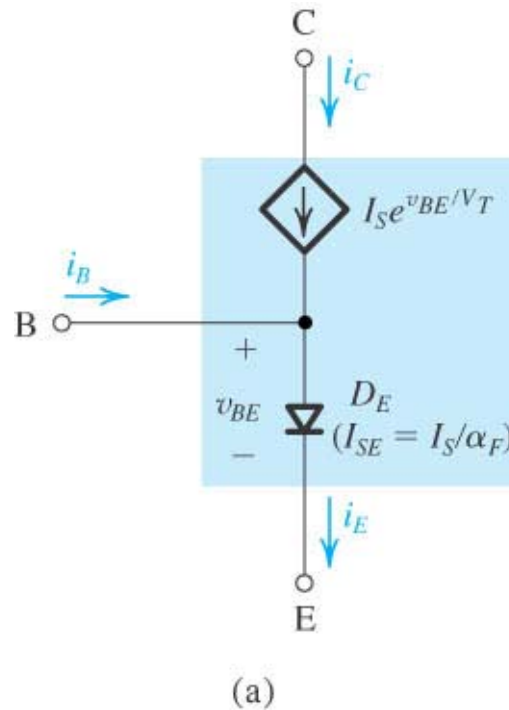
$$i_C = I_S e^{v_{BE}/V_T}$$

$$i_B = \frac{i_C}{\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow i_B = \frac{I_S}{\beta} e^{v_{BE}/V_T}$$

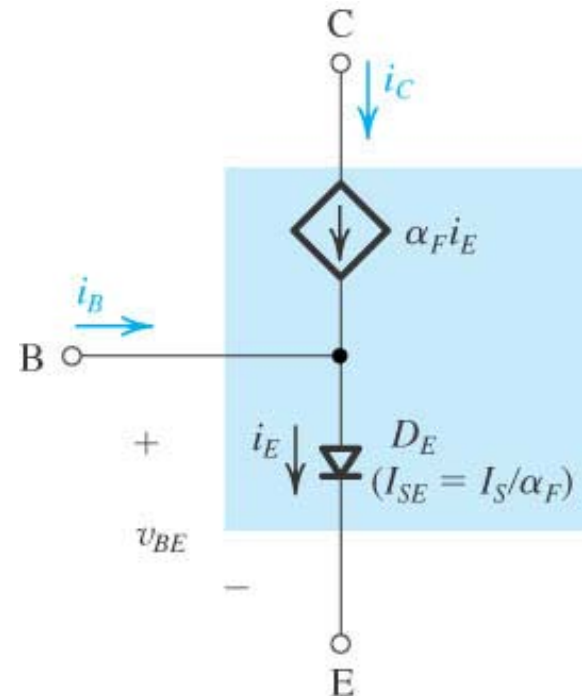
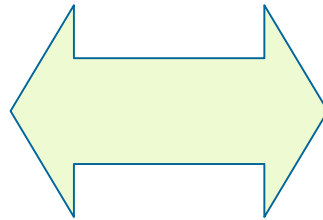
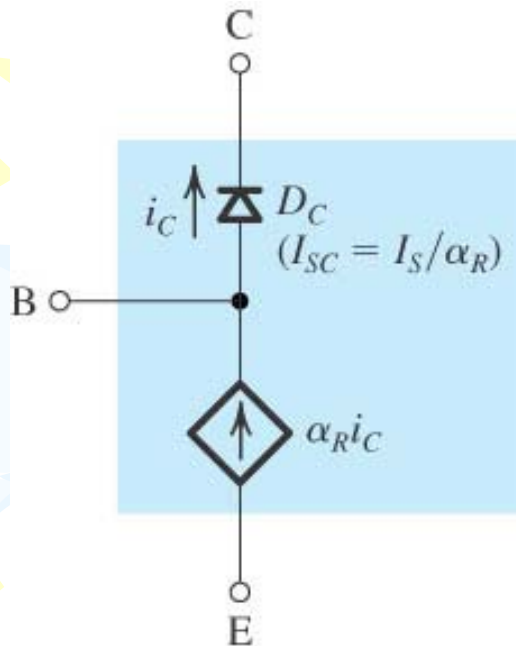
$$i_E = i_C + i_B$$

$$\Rightarrow i_E = \frac{1+\beta}{\beta} i_C = \frac{1}{\alpha} i_C$$



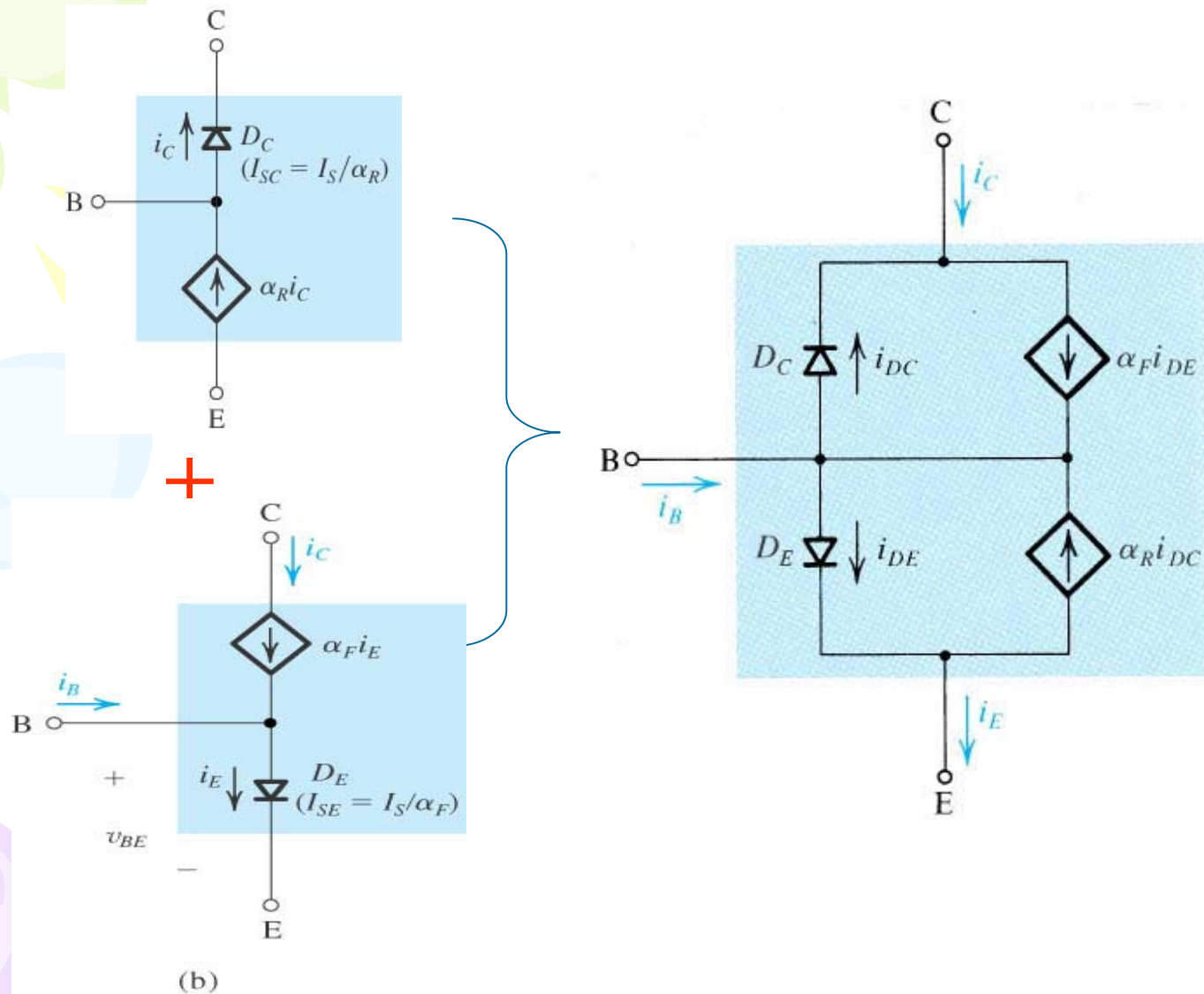
NPN transistor (reverse active mode)

J_E reverse and J_C forward



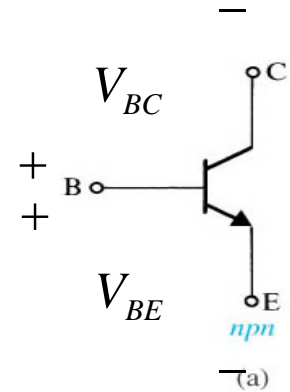
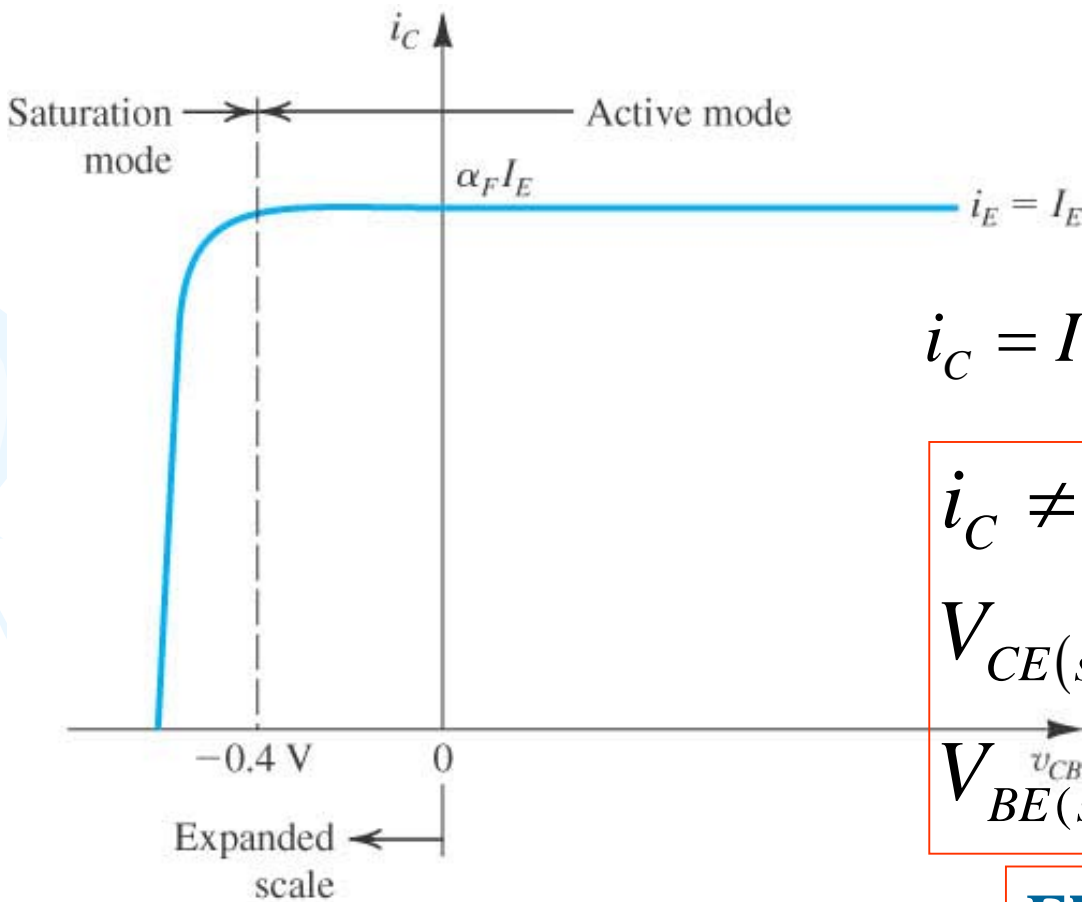
(Active mode)

NPN transistor (Ebers_Moll mode) (for four modes)



NPN transistor (saturation mode)

J_E Forward and J_C Forward



$$i_C = I_S e^{v_{BE}/V_T} - \frac{I_S}{\alpha_R} e^{v_{BC}/V_T}$$

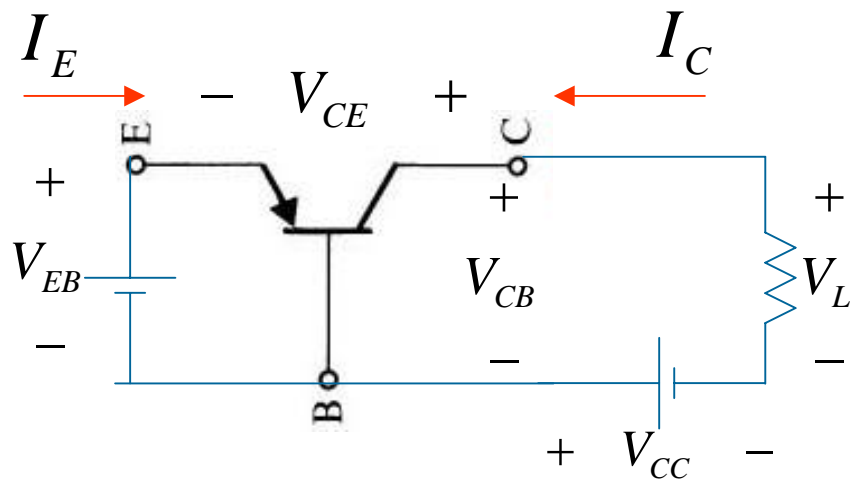
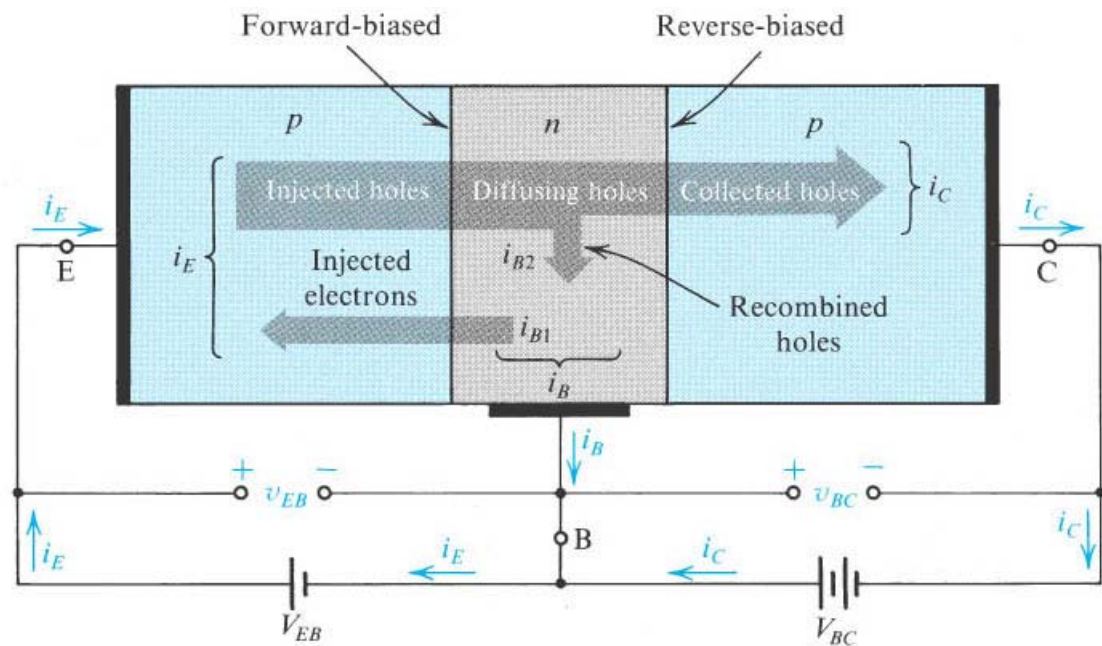
$$i_C \neq \beta i_B$$

$$V_{CE(sat)} = 0.2V (Si)$$

$$V_{BE(sat)} = 0.8V (Si)$$

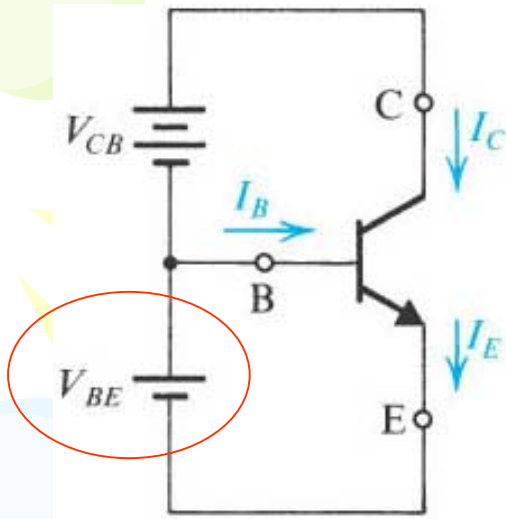
Electronic Switch

pnp transistor Exercise



Characteristic in Active mode

(for Amplifier)

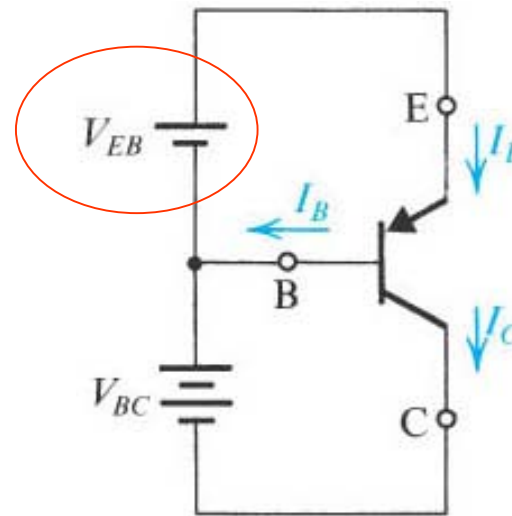


$$i_C = I_S e^{V_{BE}/V_T}$$

$$i_C = \beta i_B$$

$$i_E = \frac{1}{\alpha} i_C$$

$$\beta \gg 1$$
$$\alpha \approx 1$$



$$i_C = I_S e^{V_{EB}/V_T}$$

$$i_C = \beta i_B$$

$$i_E = \frac{1}{\alpha} i_C$$

Example 5.1

Consider J_{BE} :

$$V_2 - V_1 = V_T \ln \frac{I_2}{I_1}$$

Ref. to lecture 02 page24

$$V_{BE} - 0.7 = V_T \ln \frac{2mA}{1mA}$$

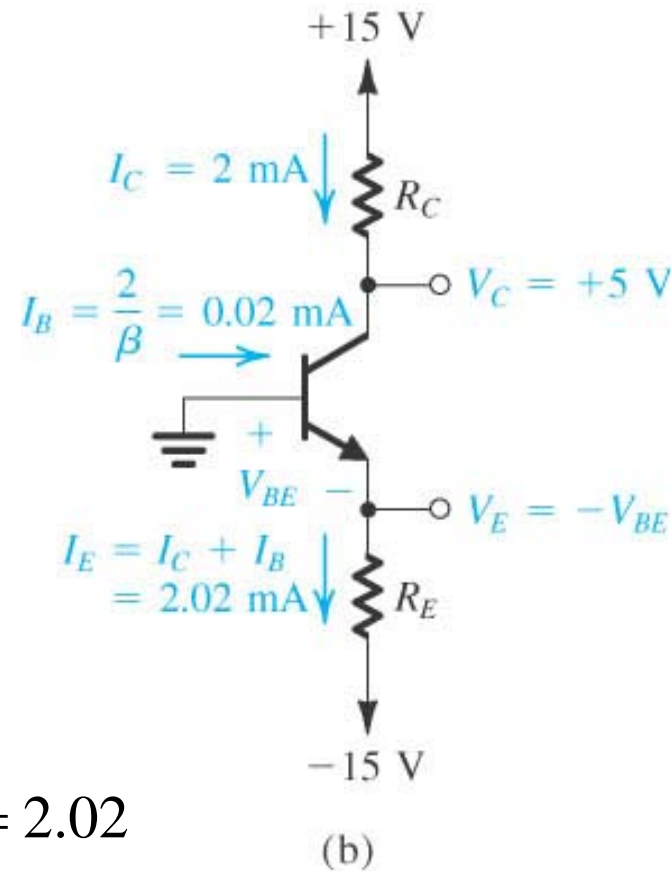
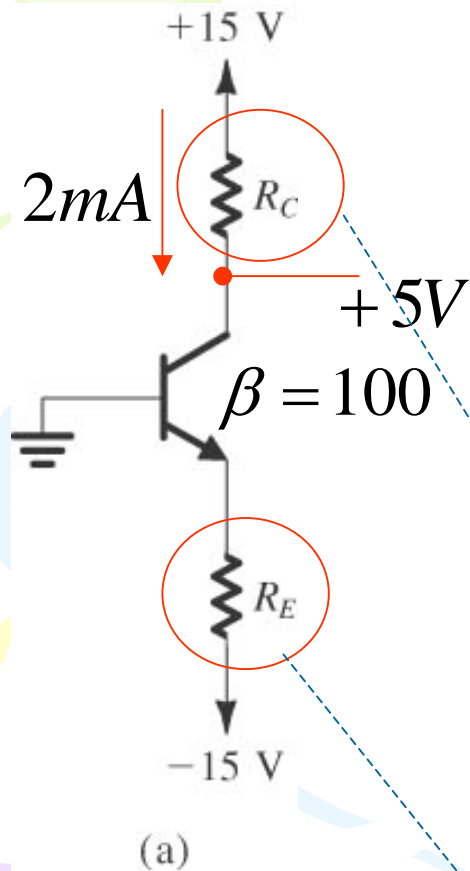
$$\Rightarrow V_{BE} = 0.717V$$

$$R_C = \frac{10V}{2mA} = 5k\Omega$$

$$I_E = I_C + I_B = 2mA + \frac{2mA}{100} = 2.02$$

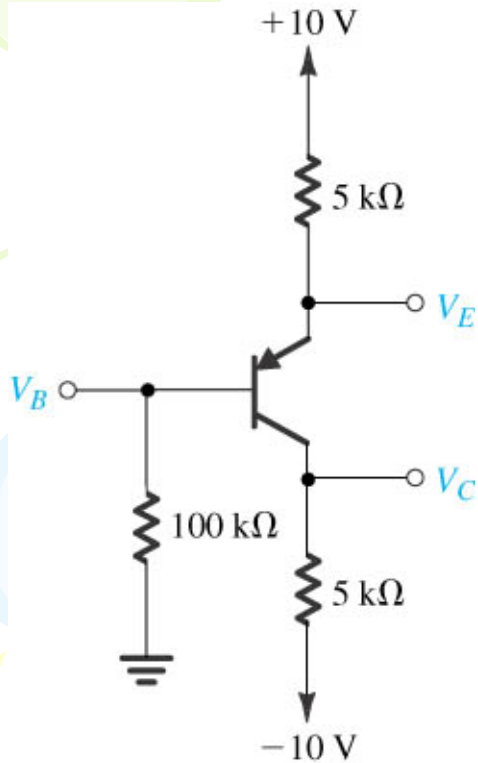
$$V_E = -V_{BE} = -0.717$$

$$R_E = \frac{-0.717 - (-15)}{2.02} = 7.07k\Omega$$



Exercise 5.11

given $V_B = +1V$, $V_E = +1.7V$
find α , β , and V_C



$$I_E = \frac{10 - 1.7}{5k} = 1.66mA$$

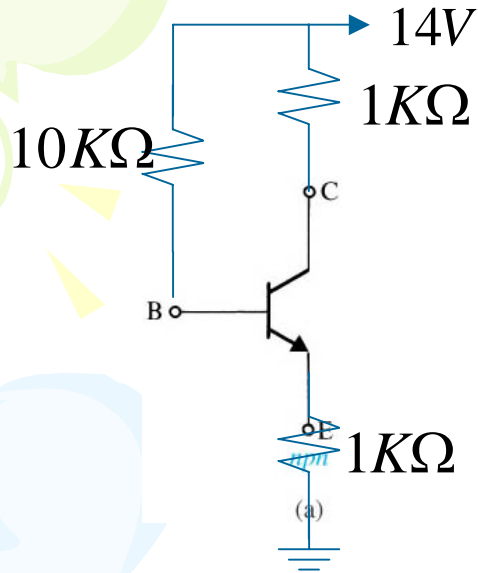
$$I_B = \frac{1}{100k} = 0.01mA$$

$$I_C = I_E - I_B = 1.65mA$$

$$\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B} = \frac{1.65}{0.01} = 165$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} = 0.994$$

Example : the transistor is work in saturation mode find the minimum β



$$V_{BE(sat)} = 0.8V$$

$$V_{CE(sat)} = 0.2V$$

$$I_{C(sat)} \times 1K + 0.2 + (I_{C(sat)} + I_{B(sat)}) \times 1K = 14V$$

$$I_{B(sat)} \times 10K + 0.8 + (I_{C(sat)} + I_{B(sat)}) \times 1K = 14V$$

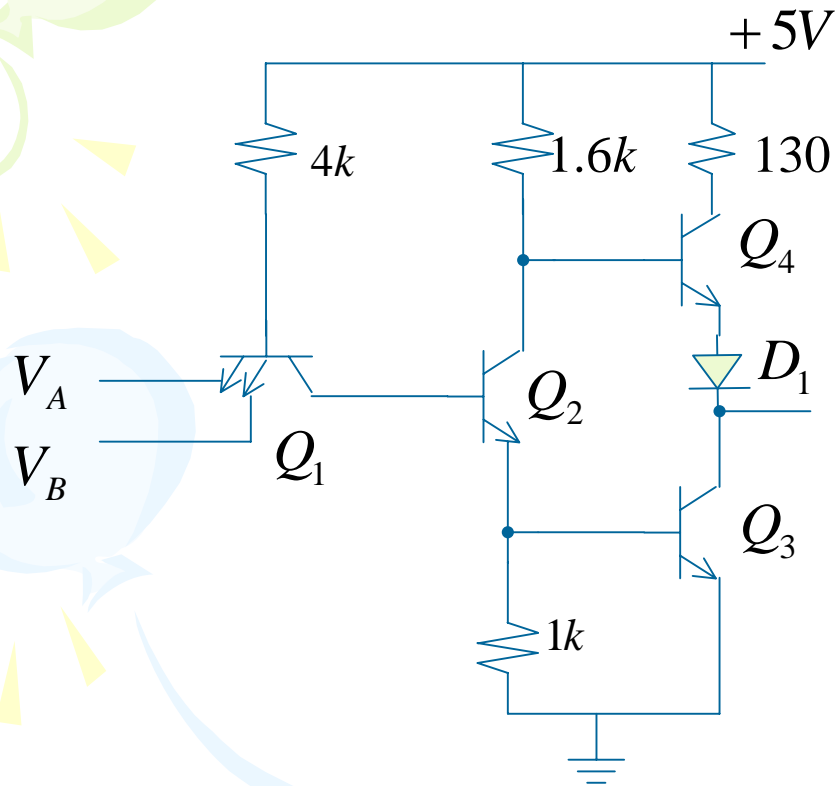


$$I_{C(sat)} = 6.6mA$$

$$I_{B(sat)} = 0.6mA$$

$$\beta_{min} = \frac{6.6}{0.6} = 11$$

Example (TTL circuit)



V_A and $A_B = +5V$

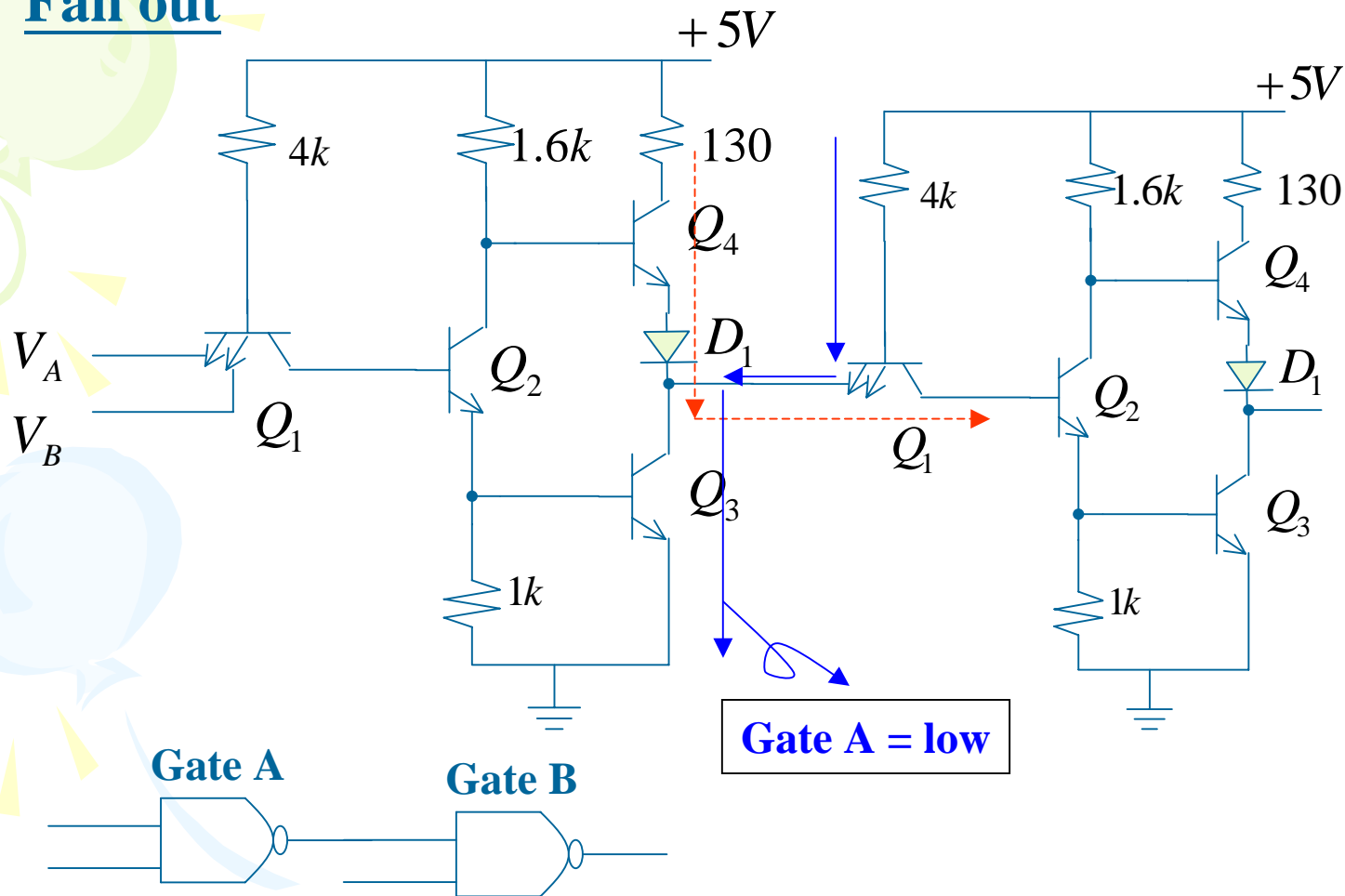
Q1 : reverse active
Q2 and Q3 : saturation
Q4 and D1 : cut-off

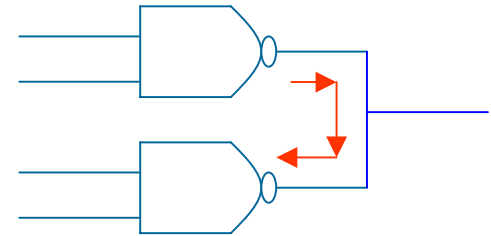
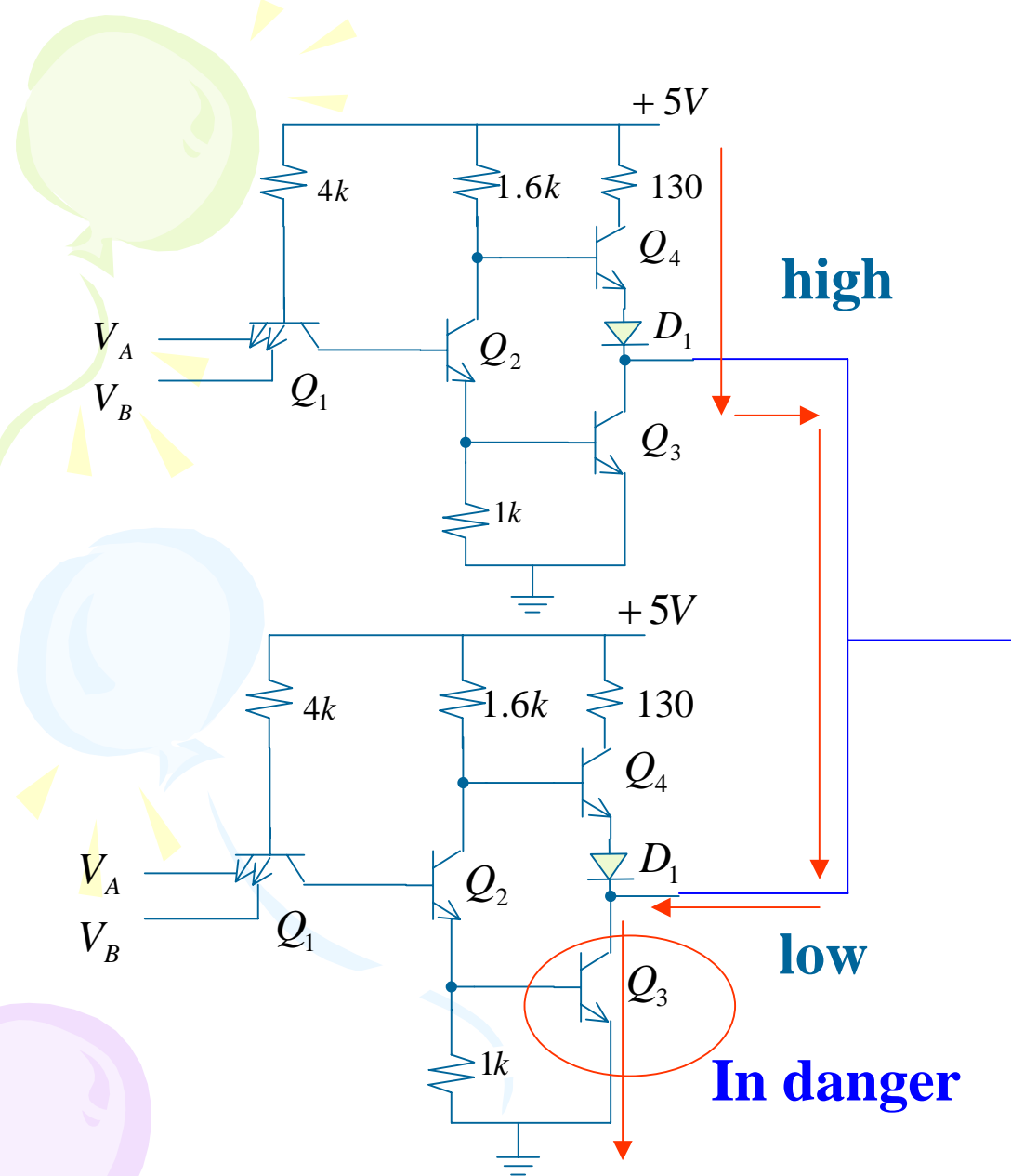
V_A or $A_B = +0.1 \sim 0.2V$

Q1 : saturation
Q2 and Q3 : cut off
Q4 : saturation
D1 : on

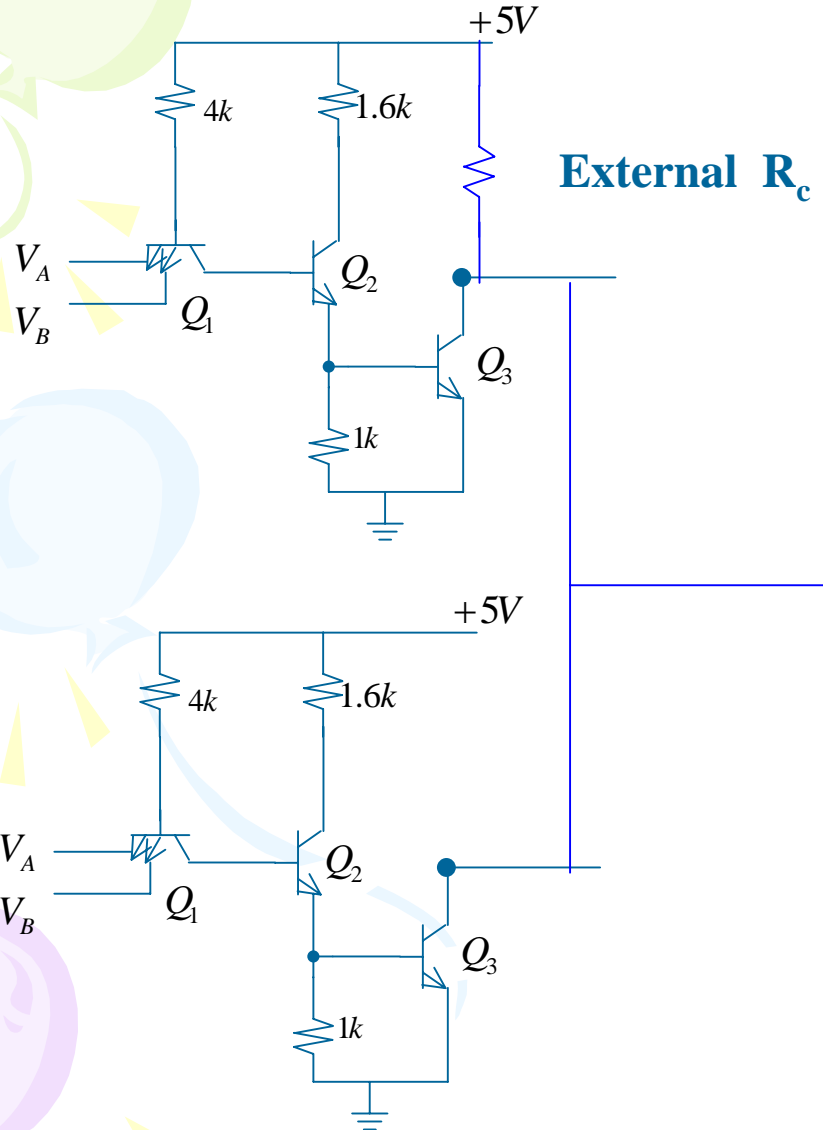


Fan out





Open collector

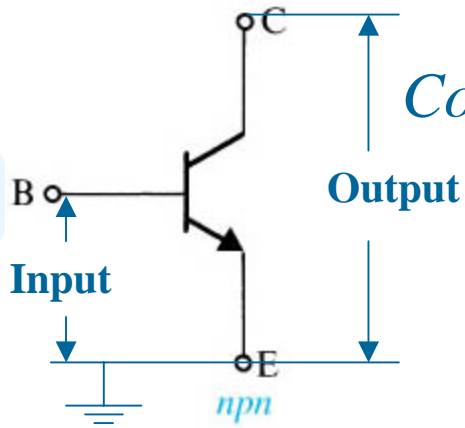
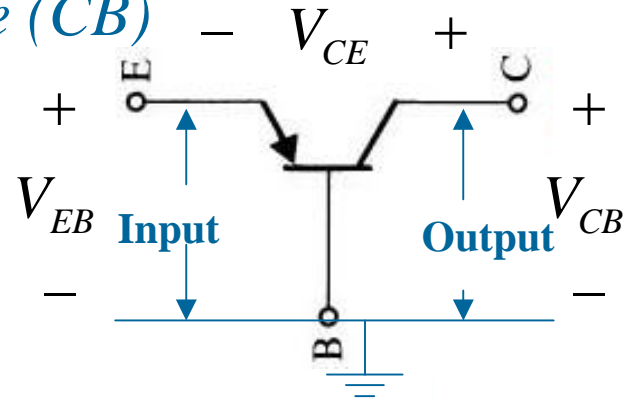
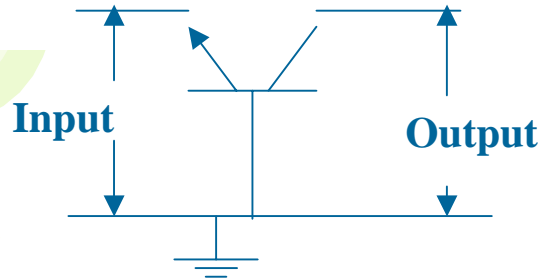


Current-voltage characteristics

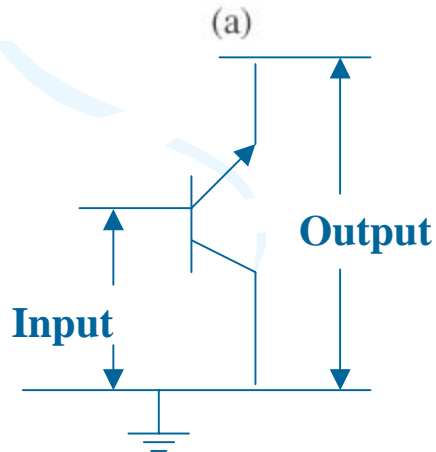
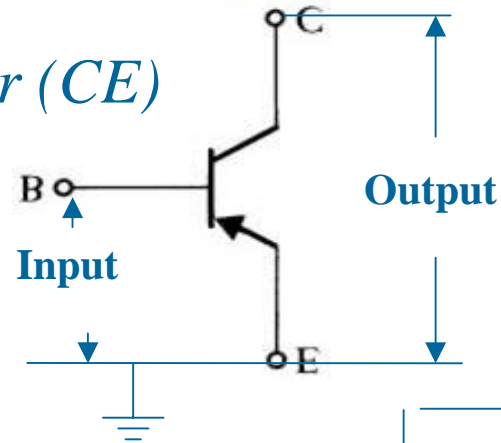
- i_C -- V_{BE}
- i_C -- V_{CB}
- i_C -- V_{CE}

BJT configurations

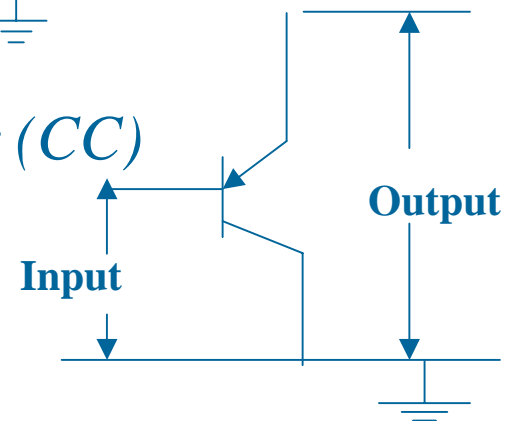
- *Common-Base (CB)*
- *Common-Emitter (CE)*
- *Common-Collector (CC)*



Common-Emitter (CE)

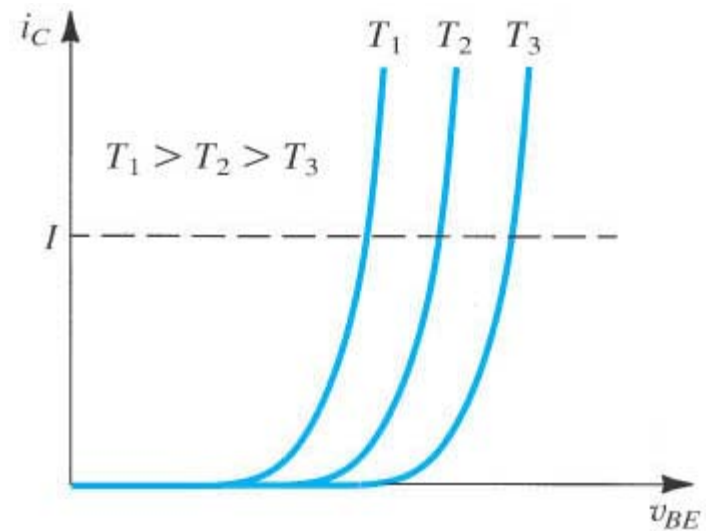
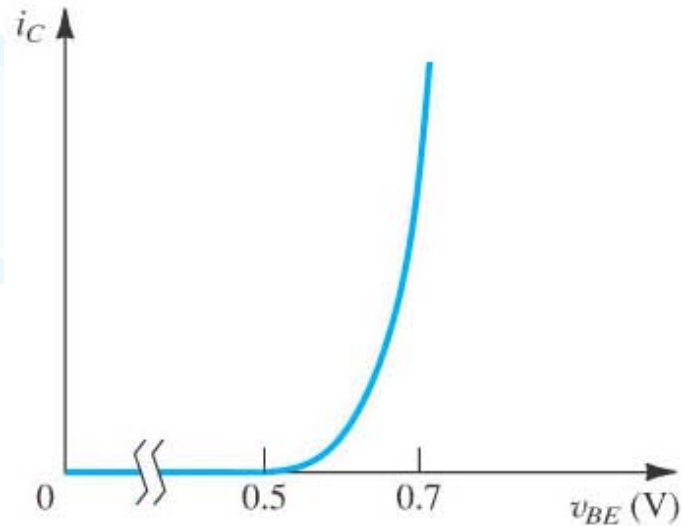


Common-Collector (CC)

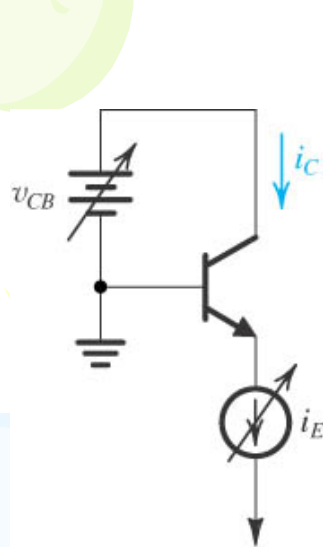


Transistor i_C -- V_{BE} Characteristic (change T)

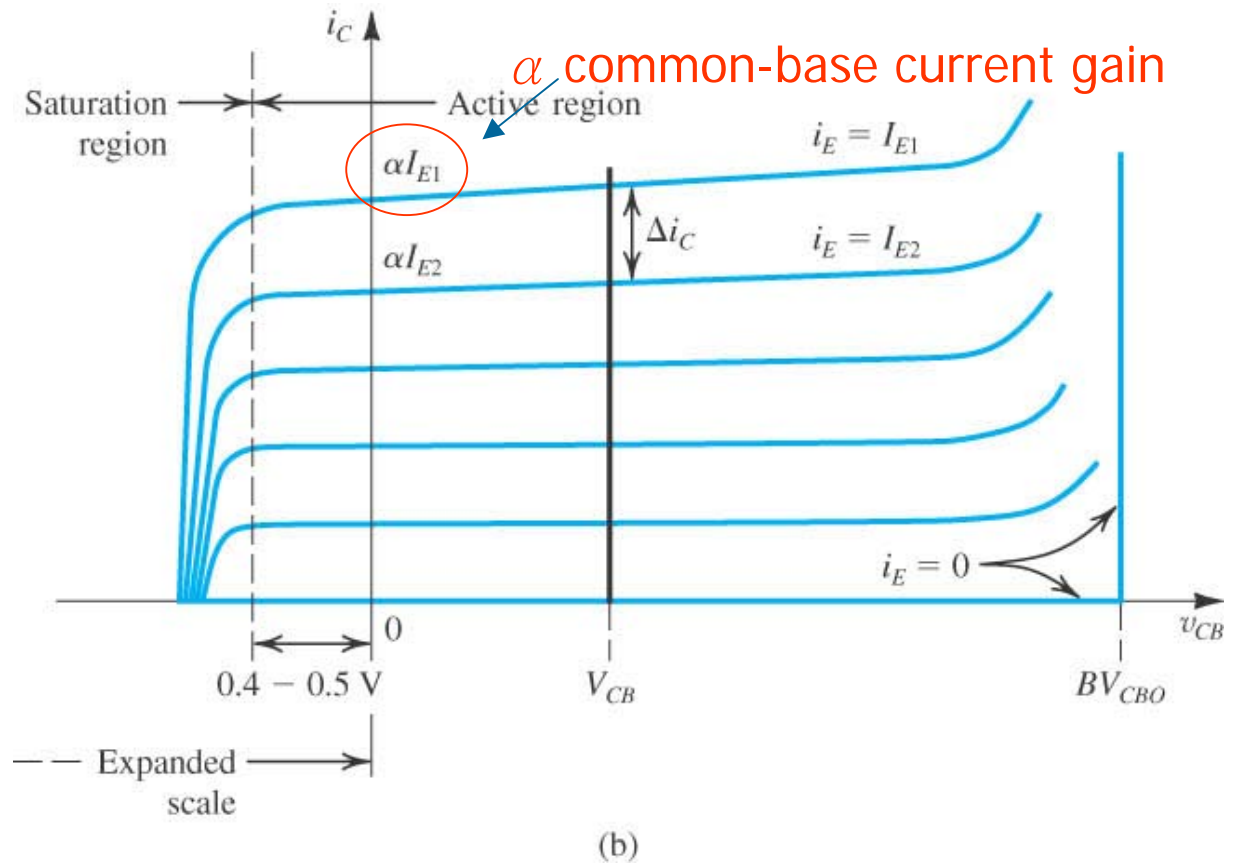
$$i_C = I_S e^{V_{BE}/V_T}$$



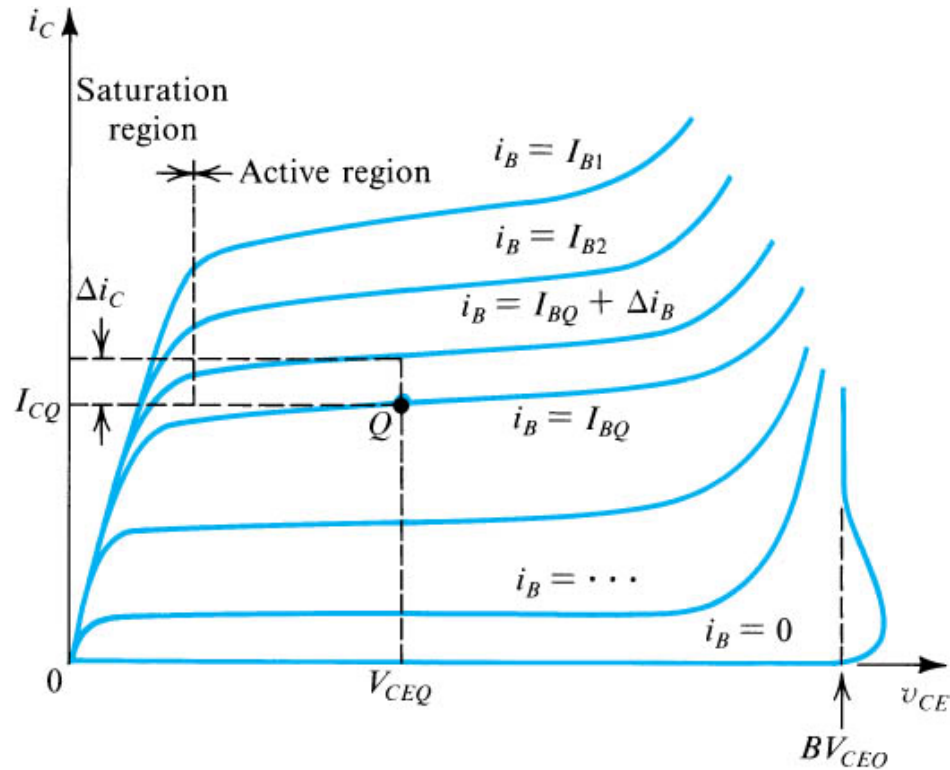
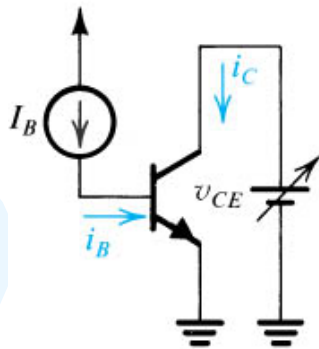
Transistor i_C -- V_{CB} Characteristic (change i_E)



(a)



Transistor i_C -- V_{CE} Characteristic (change I_B)



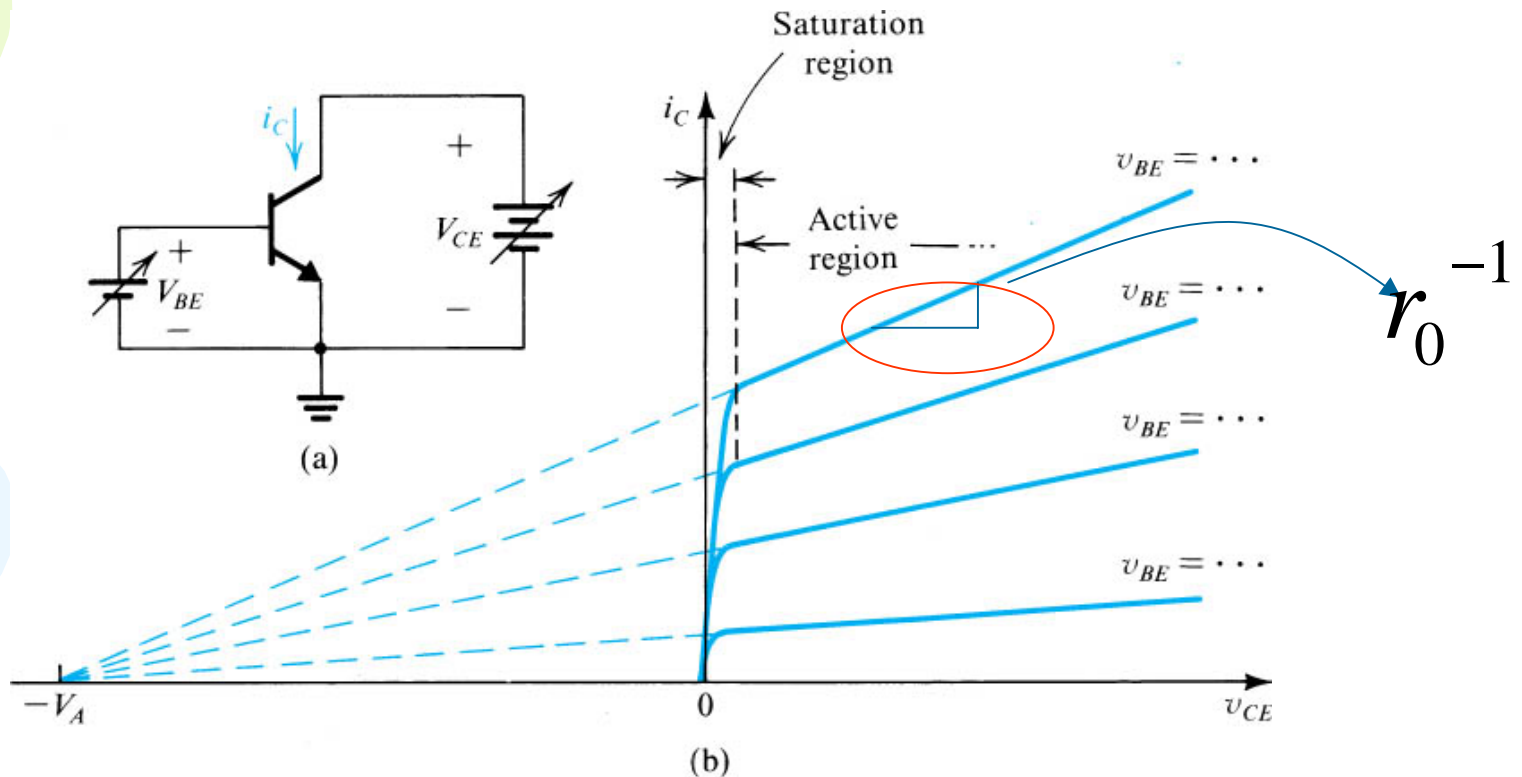
(a) β short circuit common-Emitter current gain

$$\beta_{DC} = \frac{I_{CQ}}{I_{BQ}}$$

$$\beta_{ac} = h_{fe} \equiv \left. \frac{\Delta i_C}{\Delta i_B} \right|_{v_{CE}=K}$$

(b) Zero signal component between Emitter and collector (short circuit)

Transistor i_C -- V_{CE} Characteristic (change V_{BE})



Given V_{BE} , if $V_{CE} \uparrow \rightarrow V_{CB} \uparrow$

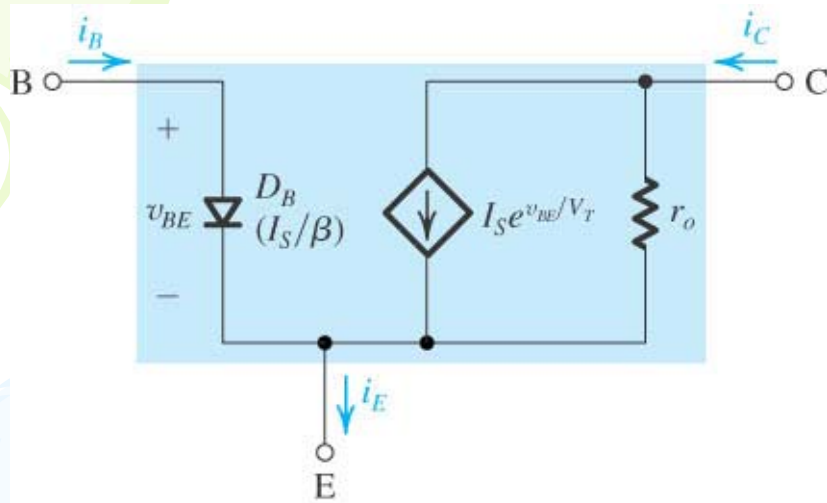
J_C depletion region \uparrow effective base width \downarrow

$$I_s = \frac{A_E q n_i^2 D_n}{W N_A}$$

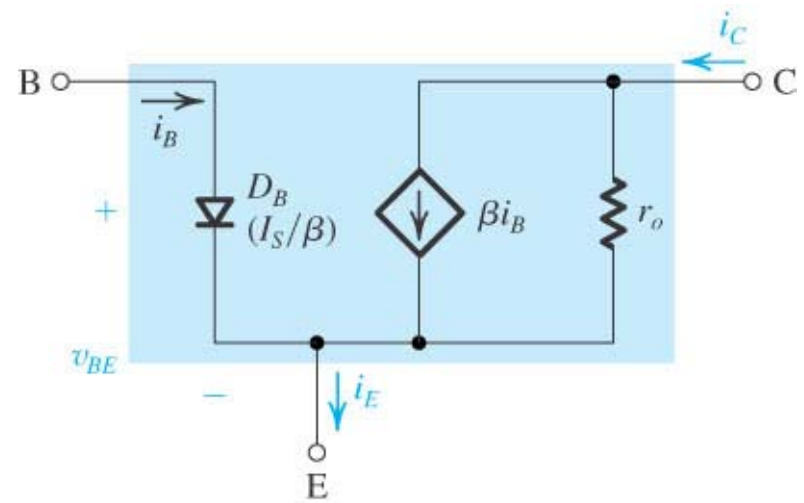
$$\Rightarrow I_s \uparrow \therefore i_C \propto I_s \Rightarrow i_C \uparrow$$

Early effect

Large-signal equivalent circuit (Common Emitter in active mode)



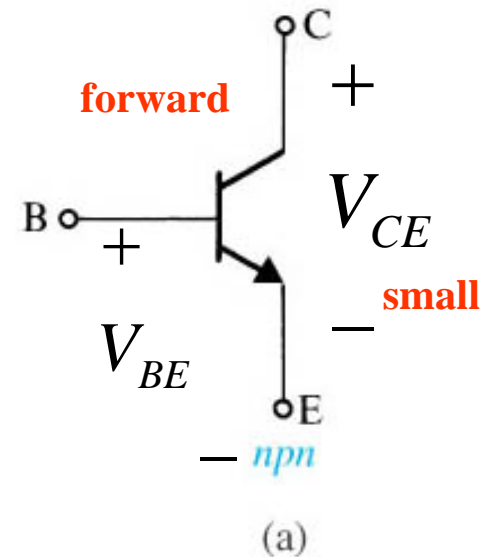
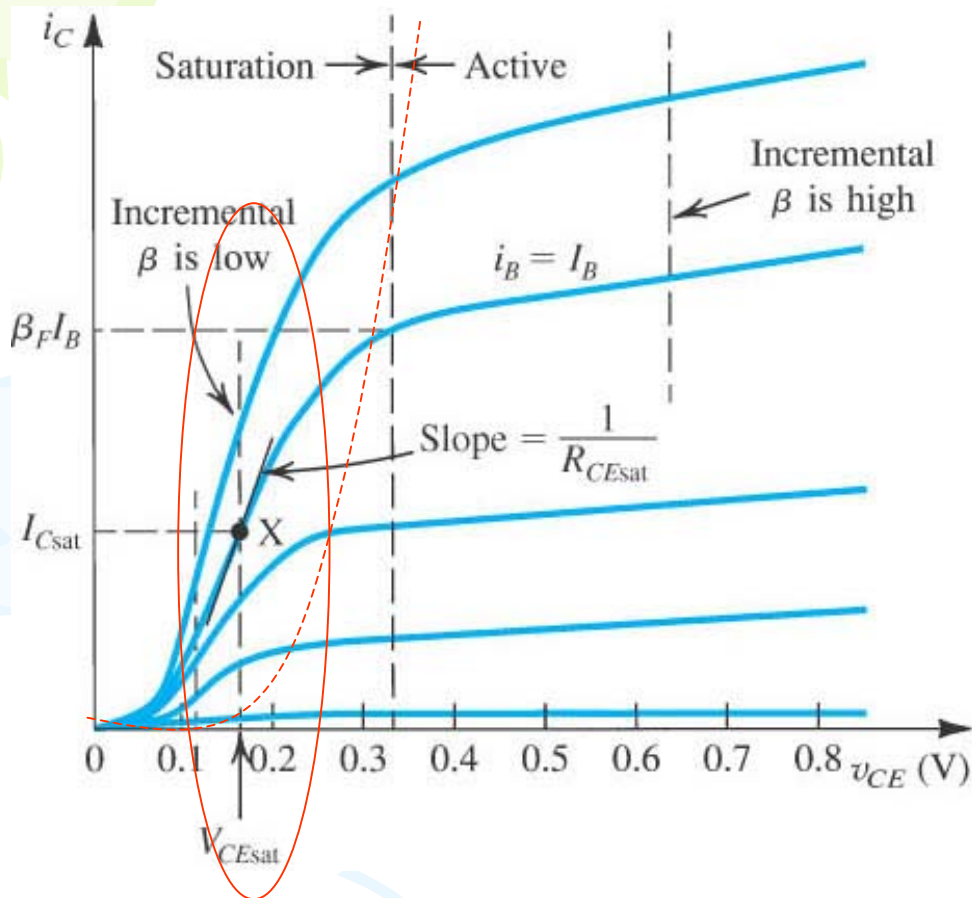
(a)



(b)

$$\frac{1}{r_o} = \left. \frac{\partial i_C}{\partial v_{CE}} \right|_{V_{BE}=K}$$

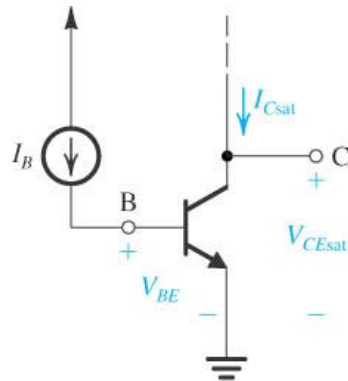
Transistor i_C -- V_{CE} Characteristic (CE saturation mode)



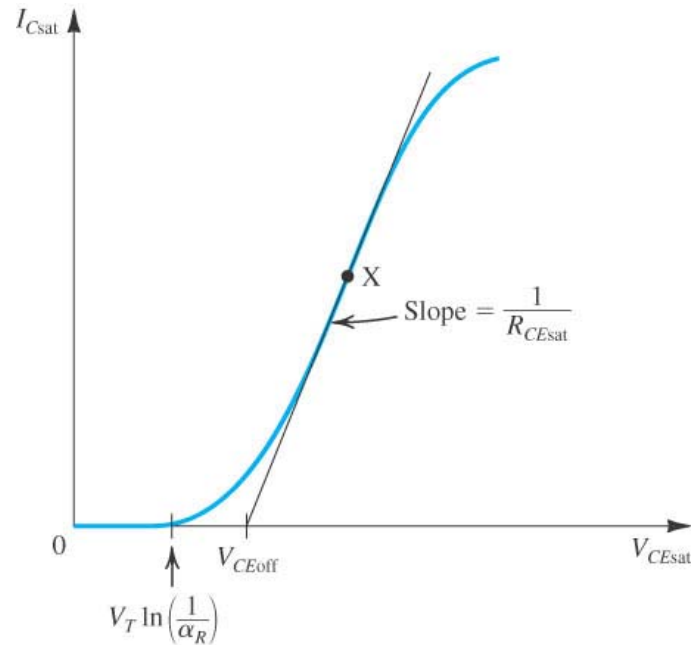
$$i_C \neq \beta i_B$$

$$V_{CE} \approx 0.2V$$

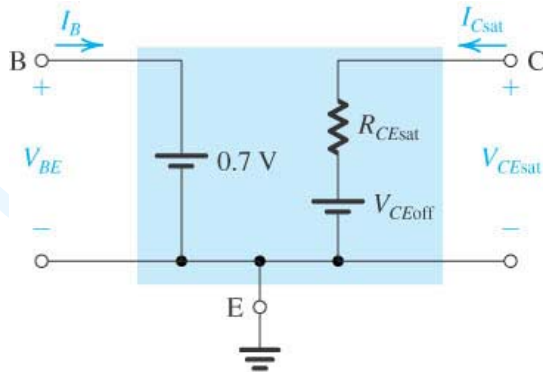
saturation mode equivalent circuit



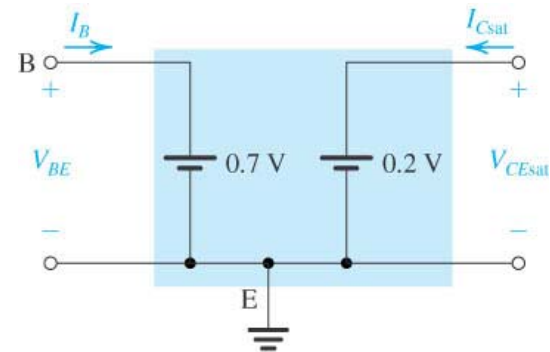
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(c)

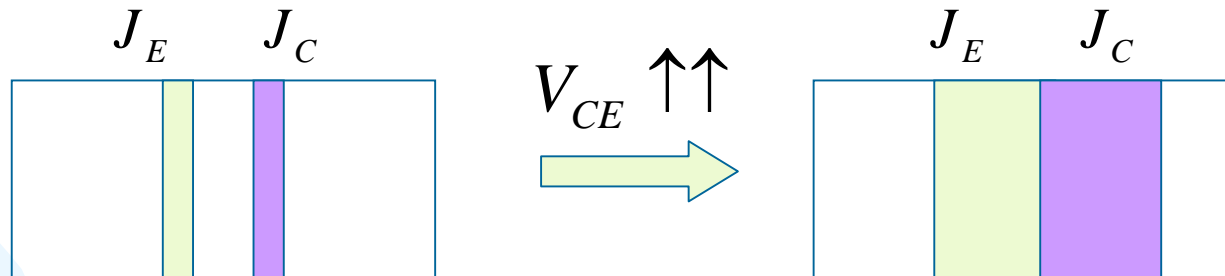


(d)

Transistor breakdown

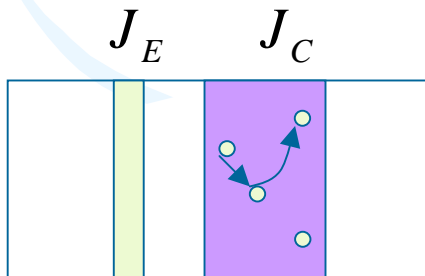
1. punch-through breakdown

$V_{CE} \nearrow \nearrow \rightarrow J_E \text{ and } J_C \text{ depletion region} \nearrow W_B \rightarrow 0$

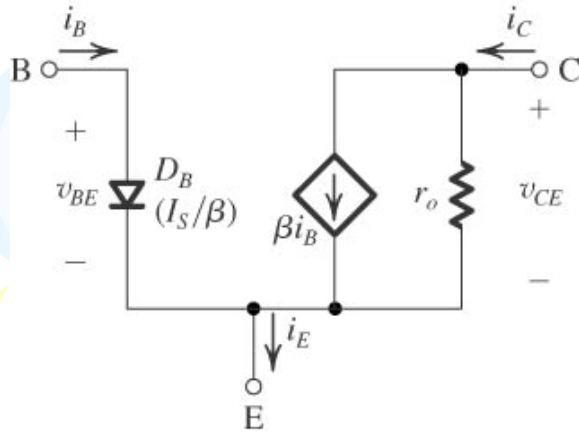
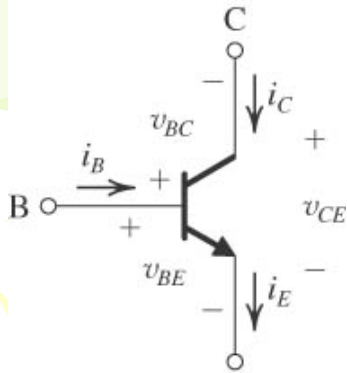


2. Avalanche breakdown (Impact ionization)

$V_{CE} \nearrow \nearrow \rightarrow V_{CB} \nearrow$



1. large-scale Equivalent-circuit model



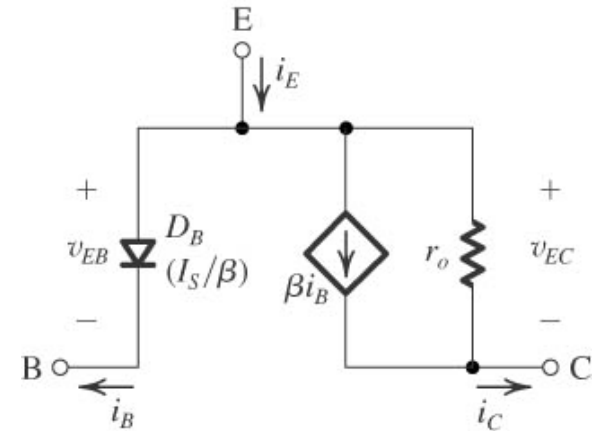
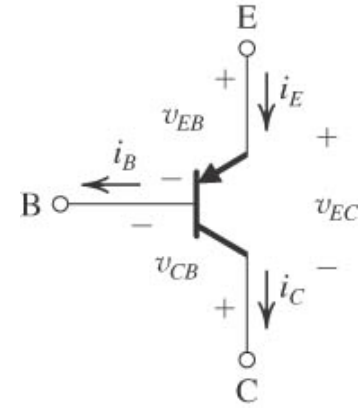
$$V_{BE} = 0.7V$$

$$V_{CE} \geq 0.3V$$

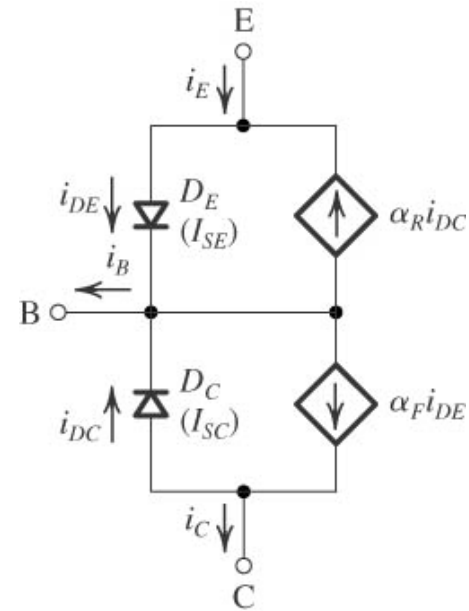
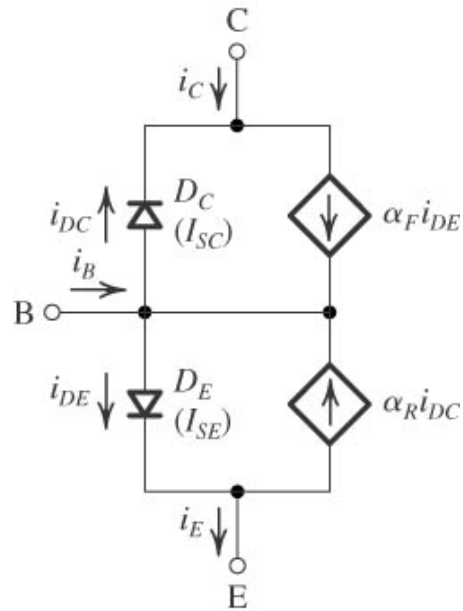
$$V_{BC} < 0.4V$$

$$i_C = \beta i_B$$

$$i_C = \alpha i_E$$



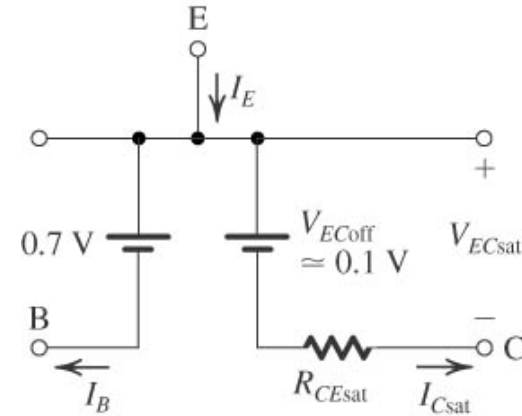
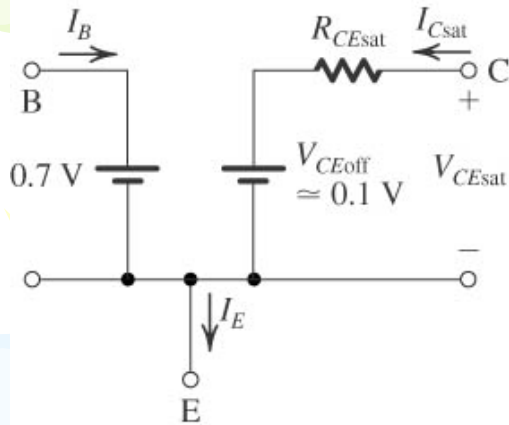
2. Ebers-moll Equivalent-circuit model



$$i_{DE} = I_{SE} (e^{V_{BE}/V_T} - 1)$$

$$i_{DC} = I_{SC} (e^{V_{BC}/V_T} - 1)$$

1. Saturation Equivalent-circuit model



$$V_{BE} = 0.7 \sim 0.8\text{V}$$

$$V_{CE} = 0.1 \sim 0.2\text{V}$$

$$V_{BC} = 0.5 \sim 0.6\text{V}$$